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DJ Shub spins some new tracks





John 'Surfing Santa' Fulton with his son Jack before paddling a stretch of the Niagara River last Friday, an annual tradition in Fort Erie for the last 32 years. Please see Paged 9 for another photo.



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2 Winter a time for reminiscing about spring nature walks

was a nature photogranher from Buffalo and a good friend of Marcy Woods owner, the late Dr. George Marcy. John walked the woods for more than 50 years, roaming them through all seasons.

I inherited some of his reat photographs. John, like our own Rick Doan, left the trails and entered inland. This is how these men were able to capture great scenes in the interior. Rick and Cathy Herbert have centred on mushroom photographs. They are creating a great collection that may surpass John Lessle's great mushroom CD. So hopefully this winter we will see some good shots.

Marcy Woods, That's a place dear to many of us. I have been "Marcyized". My little office once was replete with shots of the precious woods. I had my favourite photographs enlarged and plaqued. There's the cabin. two of my granddaughters sitting in a bed of Marcy trilliums, the pristine lake front, the bridge, the twin oaks of the Lower Trail. the Marcy steps to the higher level, and many more adorned my walls. I visited Marcy Woods (Abino Woods) with the late Fort Erie naturalist Bert Miller as a 10-year-old kid. I was with him when he transplanted



wild ginger at the base of some of those trees. The years passed. Then in 1985 I met Dr. George Marcy on the Halloway Bay Road. He invited me to sign in at the farm and tour the woods. Friend Tim Seburn told me shortly after to ramble Marcy (Abino) Woods as he had been doing. He said, 'You'll love it." I did and a love affair for me began with a special place, Marcy

Every year in January and February for the past several years I dig up old records of my nature trips. Why? You've got it I don't brave the cold as well as I once did. Why not reminisce in the comfort of my little home? Thus, think ahead - spring 2017 is coming. Nature lovers know the legacy of Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862). Thoreau was a dedicated walker with an unsurpassed passion for the outdoors. He was a gifted observer of the natural world and an accomplished surveyor

of where he went and what he saw. His nature classic. Cape Cod. is widely considered even to this day as the best book ever written about this Sandy Hook. You know where Cane Cod. Massachusetts is. I want to revisit it (at least in my memories) on this cold evening in late December. Thoreau walked along Cape Cod's shorelines as recorded in his journals. Thoreau could walk as far as you would want to go. Thirty-five miles on the east shore? Sure. We spent most of our time at Wellfleet on the west side. We walked the Wellfleet trails three consecutive days. Thoreau wrote in his journal dated April 8, 1859. That's almost 160 years ago yet his question

of the protection of birds

could have been written

today. He correctly assumes

birds if left alone to his own

devices. He advocated leg-

islation and enforcement to

protect endangered species.

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that man will not protect the

years the passenger pigeon had become extinct. Thoreau walked through the southwest corner of Wellfleet right past the present location of today's Audubon Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary on his first visit there in 1857 We now walked that same site.



John Lessle was a nature photographer from Buffalo, and a good friend of Marcy Woods owner, the late Dr. George Marcy. "Teamwork makes the dream work"

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Fort Erie jockey injured in Florida race ground after a horse drifted in rare in horse racing, but sadly His father Ian Alderson has uncle and grandfather.

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The racing community is rallying around a Fort Erie native who sustained serious head injuries after he was

thrown from a horse during a race in Florida Bryce Alderson remains in serious but stable condition at a Florida hospital after he

was injured last Wednesday at Tampa Bay Downs, According to a news release from the racing facility, the 24-year-old was thrown to the

front of his horse, causing his horse to clip heels and throw the rider to the turf. He was then kicked in the head by another horse while he was on the ground.

Antonietta Petrella, manager of marketing and media relations for Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium, said Alderson is a well-respected member of the Fort Erie racing community

"He is a hard worker and a talented jockey," she said. "Accidents like these are

can happen. Our best wishes go out to Bryce and his famly during this time. We wish him a speedy recovery."

A GoFundMe page has been created at www. gofundme.com/2ksaeb4p to help offset medical costs as well as to support his wife, Caitlin, who is by his side while family in Fort Erie care for their three-year-old

daughter In less than four days, more than \$10,000 has been raised.

Alderson has won 55 races since he began racing at the Fort Erie track in 2011.

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Hollerado returns to local stage in Ridgeway

KRIS DURF Special to the Times

Hollerado has toured all over the world during their ten-year career but shows in small towns are special, says the band's frontman Menno

On Sat. Jan. 14, they will play at the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts in Ridgeway and it won't be their first time in town - but the third time they've hit a local stage.

Speaking with the Times this week about the upcoming show. Versteeg says he and his bandmates love the atmosphere created by audiences in places like Fort Erie. a town with a population of 30.000.

There are families, various age groups and people who aren't the typical type of music fan they are used to seeing at performances. "It's a much more diverse crowd - it's not just our fans'



Hollerado will play the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts in Ridgeway Sat. Jan. 14.

Q: A mother dropped off

baby daughter who was

suffering from difficulty

food (mother's milk or formula)

without any intervention

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there anything you can do?

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(these symptoms are equivalent to heart burn in adults).

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a prescription for her

demographic," he said. "I find that makes for a great audience. Those are

some of my favourite shows - in a small community like that," he added. In Fort Erie, a buzz builds

up weeks and days before the concert. People who are familiar with their music get excited a popular recording artist is coming to their town. A followin to 2015's consomething that doesn't necessarily happen in bigger cit-

"When you're playing Toronto on a Friday night, you're just one of 100 bands, he said

cept album '111 Songs,' which is more than five hours long. Hollerado will release a new full-length record in the spring and many of the songs on it will be played during their upcoming Canadian and U.S. tour dates, some in support of the Sam Roberts Band.

Fans at the show in Ridge way can also expect to hear material they've never heard hefore

"We'll be playing a whole bunch of new stuff," he said. Hollerado, originally formed in the Ottawa area. has opened for bands such as Weezer, Passion Pit, the Flaming Lips, and many

Little Junior and Eleven North are the opening acts on the Jan. 14 show's bill. Visit www.ticketscene.ca

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two in serious condition Two people suffered serious injuries after a two-vehicle collision in Welland Sunday night. A 78-year-old Thorold woman was airlifted to Hamilton Health Sciences and a 72-year-old Niagara

Police said the Niagara Falls man was driving a 2014 Ford F150 Falls man was transported to a local

At about 8:50 p.m. Niagara Regional Police, Niagara Emergency Medical Services and Welland Fire and Emergency Services responded to a call about a collision at the intersection of Moyer and Biggar



Peace Bridge Public School its fourth annual Christmas Turkey Lunch for about 370 students and staff. The dinner is made possible by generous donations of time, food and money from local businesses, parents, and the Riverside Community church. The Mayor Wayne Redekop and DSBN Trustee Dave Schaubel also helped serve food.



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Point of View

Drinking and driving should never be an option

The holiday season is a celebration of consumption. never more so than as we approach New Year's Eve.

Some of the seasonal treats taste like peppermint or are covered in chocolate - but that's not the type of stuff we need to worry about going through our systems as we attend various functions and parties this time of year.

Not that there's anything wrong with tipping an adult beverage back with your friends, family and favourite coworkers for a few more days. Just make sure you do it wisely.

When you enjoy some libations locally, best do it at a location within walking distance from where you plan to rest your head at the end of the night, or have a designated driver.

If you're depending on a local taxi , especially on New Year's Eve, then you're either very new to the area or have never experienced the horrific reality that this service is virtually non-existent when it is needed the

They are readily available on a Wednesday afternoon for your grandma's weekly trip to the

supermarket, and that's great. What about the group of childhood friends who only get together as one unit once a year at Christmas or New Year's?

The ones who have careers, families and everything going for them and always play it safe by calling a cab when celebrating in the respective cities they moved to it's a lot different than what they're

Spending a few days in some of Niagara's smaller municipalities. such as Niagara-on-the-Lake or Fort Erie, can put everything at risk, You may find yourself standing outside in sub-zero temperatures, trying to figure out how to get home after an entertaining evening out. It's already 2:30 a.m. and the taxi dispatcher says al their cars are busy and it will be at least a three-

Meanwhile, you see your own vehicle parked 50 feet away and know you can make it to your destination a few blocks over.

Aside from all the horrific tragedies where innocent people

lose their lives to drunk driving. including possibly your own, there are other ways it can ruin lives too, without any physical injury involved

This occurs when someone decides to take the risk of driving home because getting a cab, which seems like such a simple task, has become impossible during this festive season.

So, for the remainder on the holidays, be prepared to sleep on a couch, have a designated driver lined up, stay home, or visit a local watering hole in your neighbourhood. Drinking and driving means risking a life, or a future, and it's not worth it. -Kris Dube, special to Postmedia Network

Do you Remember?



Our thanks to Sue Reichenbach, who along with callers Ann and her sister, identified Charlie Lincoln shown canvassing for the Salvation Army in last week's photo. Many of you may remember Mr. Lincoln who worked at the Douglas Memorial Hospital for many years. This week we have many children receiving candy canes from Santa. The date on the back is Dec. 22, 1981. Do you recognize yourself in the photo or perhaps your child? If so, please call the Museum at 905-894-5322 or send us an e-mail museum@



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MPP looks back at 2016 and forward to the future



t the end of 2016 we have a lot to be excited about.

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When 94 per cent of people asked said they oppose the idea, I believe we need to stand together to stop the sale of hydro one and work hard to lower our hydro rates. People ask me why we think we can we can stop this - well I tell them to look at what we've achieved

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Fort Erie musician releases six-song album

Special to the Times

DJ Shub is getting used to

being his own boss. The critically-acclaimed musician from Fort Erie released his first solo EP (extended play, or compilation of songs) earlier this month, a six-song album called 'Powwowstep' he has been working on since departing from A Tribe Called Red, an Ottawabased electronic music group he won a luno with in 2014, as well as four Aboriginal Music Awards

His release party was held at the Velvet Underground in Toronto earlier this month. The official music video for the first single, Indomi-

table, is in heavy rotation on MUCH (a Canadian TV specialty music channel) and several U.S. and Canadian radio stations have the song on their playlists. 'It's cool to see my stuff

picked up everywhere," said the musician, whose real name is Dan General. Although he makes fre-

quent trips to major cities across the country for shows. he produces all of music from his Fort Erie home, which he feels lucky to be able to do.

"A lot of people don't have the chance to work from the time have to be based out

of a big city," he said. Fort Erie is great because it's close to everything." In 2015, General performed at the Pan-Am Games opening ceremonies

in Toronto.



PHOTO BY MIKE SANSANO/SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

home like I do and a lot of Fort Erie's DJ Shub performing in Toronto earlier this month.

In 2007 and 2008, he won consecutive Canadian titles in the Disco Mix Club competition, the highest and most-renowned stage in the world of DJ battles and competitive turntablism.

For now, he is going to ride the momentum of his latest release, perform live and continue to work on new material

"There are definitely plans for a full-length album but

it's not something I want to

rush," he said. Shub has also produced music for several artists. American artist originally from Fort Erie who also bas a

very large fan base. On New Year's Eve, Shub will perform with the popular band Walk off the Earth including Shawnee, a Native

will be broadcast nationally

on CBC. His album is available on Apple Music and iTunes, Spotify, and Bandcamp, as at Nathan Phillips Square well as www.dishub.com. in Toronto for a concert that where he also has other merchandise for sale.

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Santa takes on the river

KINS DURE/SPECIAL TO THE TIMES John "Surfing Santa" Fulton hit the Niagara River in Fort Erie on Friday, an annual tradition he has been doing for the last 32 years. At the event. Fulton collects socks and underwear he donates to Resource Association For Teens (RAFT), a youth hostel and drop-in centre in St. Catharines.

Health Corner

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Community unites to break bread

Free Christmas Day meal draws upwards of 400 people to Gord's Place

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They may have started out as strangers, but a sense of family could be felt in the air at a downtown St. Catharines eatery last

Sunday Diners and volunteers helped one another to wrap presents. they politely pulled out each other's chairs and they cheerfully said 'Merry Christmas' to one another as they moved throughout the room.

It was just the atmosphere the De Divitiis family had in mind during the annual Spirit of Christmas Dinner at Gord's

The long-standing tradition, during which people from all Wishing all my Clients, Family

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break bread and enjoy each other's company, drew between 400 and 500 diners for a free meal donated and prepared by Nia-

gara College. The dinner is available without restrictions to anyone in need of a hot meal or in search of somewhere to spend Christ-

mas Day. St. Catharines resident Linda Hutt was touched by the generosity she saw when looking

around the room Sunday. This was not the first time she had come to Gord's Place to gather with strangers to share a boliday meal.

This is awesome — the food they give you, they help you with gifts for children. What more could you ask for?" she said. They've helped me out a lot." In addition to the turkey din-

ner, guests were able to pick out and take home gifts for children, courtesy of the St. George Neighbourhood group, and new and gently-used coats, hats and

distributor PowerBey.

Lancaster, Brooks & Welch provided Tim Hortons gift cards for diners coming through the doors and shuttles were provided from local shelters by Performance Auto Group.

It was Mary Maleon's first time coming to the event. The St. Catharines native said she had heard such positive things about the dinner and the positive atmosphere that she

decided, with nowhere else to be for the holidays, to give it a try. "I think this is great," she said. We should appreciate everything these people are doing

Tina Millen volunteers at the dinner annually alongside children Olivia, 11, and Jackson, 13. The Burlington family, friends of the event's organizers, have made it tradition to spend their Christmas Day helping out in

any way they can "We're so fortunate, it's nice to be able to give back to others." Millen said while trying her

hand at gift wrapping. "We want to teach our kids to give back, too. We want them to realize how fortunate they are."

As the holidays can often be a difficult time for people for various reasons, Millen said it's important to show that the community is there to provide support in their time of need. Hector De Divitiis, whose fam

ily owns the restaurant, credited the many volunteers and organizations for coming together to again make the holiday dinner a SUCCESS

It was his father, Paul Sr., who encouraged him a decade ago to give the community event new life, he said, calling it an annual

reminder of his generous spirit. "It was a chance for me to be like my idol, my father," De Divitiis said. "This is my way of being half the man that he is:

Brother Mario De Divitiis said the dinner is intended to ensure no one is alone on Christmas. "It's about community helping community," be said, while

praising everyone who does their part to make the day spe-He was in awe of the substantial amount of food prepared by

Niagara College, including 100 pounds of ham, 300 pounds of turkey and hundreds of pounds of fixings. Despite the buge feast, no

food goes to waste. "We walk it over to the YWCA."

he said of any leftovers, adding any toys that are not taken home are donated to Community Care.

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Air Cadets Squadron family night



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mbers of the Fort Erie 337 "Allan Troup" Air Cadets Squadron demonstrate some of their training exercises during the unit's family night on Wednesday at the Leisureplex

Police Brief

Holiday RIDE check vields one arrest

One driver was arrested and another issued a licence suspension during police RIDE checks in St. Catharines and Niagara Falls last Thursday.

Niagara Regional Police stopped more than 450 vehicles throughout the night. Of those stopped, eight were required to provide breath samples for suspected alcohol consumption. As a result, one driver was arrested for impaired driving.

resulting in a mandatory 90-day driver's licence suspension and a seven-day vehicle impoundment. Another driver received a threeday driver's licence suspension. In addition to the alcohol-related charges and suspensions, several drivers were issued tickets under the Highway Traffic Act.

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Police Brief

No assault took place, police say

After what notice describe as a lengthy investigation. they have determined no sexual assault, or any other criminal offence, occurred in a vacant lot north of the LCBO on Ferry Street in Niagara Falls earlier this month Niagara Regional Police

issued a press release Friday thanking the public operation with the collection of evidence, and said no further information will be provided. Police had been looking for two males wanted in connection with an alleged sexual assault that was

for their help and co-

reported to have taken place between 8 and 9 p.m. on Dec. 8. At the time, police said two unknown males approached a female and

one of the males sexually assaulted the female while the other male was keeping watch for onlookers. The female was reported to have sustained minor One of the males was said

to have brandished a knife, but the weapon was not used during the offence

The males were allegedly scared off by a nearby unknown moving vehicle.

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It might help avoid state police looking for having to spend extra her," she said, describtime in iail ing Weaver as a young That's what happened person not familiar with to a Niagara University the Canadian justice sys-

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student from Amherst. N.Y. who ended up driving onto the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie by mistake. She wound up in Canada, where she was charged with operating a motor vehicle while impaired by alco-

allowed to talk to a

Maura Weaver, 23. appeared last Friday in an Ontario Court of Justice in St. Catharines and pleaded guilty to the impaired charge in front of Judge Joseph Nadel. The offence took place

Assistant Crown attorney Mark Dean said Weaver was following her GPS and ended up on the Peace Bridge. Customs officers and police found her to be impaired. and two breath samnles were taken with readings of 186 and 228 mgs of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood. That's more than double the legal limit of 80 Sandulak said her cli-Once a person has

The judge said when

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room, Sandulak said

Weaver was arrested on

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said it's not exercised.

Canada for one year.

and then released.

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been arrested, she said, they have a right to counsel. But if someone says instead that they want to call their parents or a friend, the authorities aren't obligated to "Her parents had the

have exercised some compassion in this case. We had someone who was green to the justice system," she said

Weaver's parents had called the New York State Police because they didn't hear from her and feared she might be in the hospital or was involved in an accident

Sandulak said changes will come her client suffered into effect in the new vear that deal with bail when a person is arrested on the weektion would have been end. Bail hearings will no longer be held in St. Catharines, and are Weaver was given the being moved to Hamminimum penalty of a

ilton. That will make it much more difficult for a nerson who has been arrested to see their

The lawyer will either have to travel to Hamilton to see their client or the person in custody will have to wait until Monday when the matter can be heard in St. Catharines court. tricciuto@nostmedia.com

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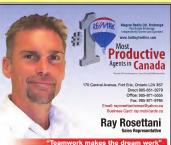




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no other Instead of sitting by a fire and sipping hot chocolate as many families do during the holidays,

Vic Tee and son Chris Tee-Knox prefer the fun of barrelling into the icy-cold waters of the Niagara River. It has become second nature

for the father-son duo - and it seems they're not alone. About 40 people pulled their swimwear out of hibernation

Monday for the 41st annual Penguin Club dip in Niagara-onthe-Lake.

"I want to do this until I'm 70," said Tee, who has been doing the dip for the past 35 years. He has one more year to go before hitting his milestone age "There's just nothing like it."

he said, adding it's unlikely his swim trunks will go into retirement after he reaches the hig Sisters Rachel and Rebecca

Saylor of Niagara Falls have also caught the cold-water bug. The pair took the plunge for the fifth time Monday and have no intentions of letting their annual

tradition come to an end. "I come back because she drags me," 29-year-old Rebecca loked while nudging her 32-year-old

sibling *There's just something about getting together with a group of people and doing something

crazy," Rachel said. "We all become part of a little community here." While the weather was rather

mild for this year's swim, Rachel said the water still packs a punch. It often takes hours after diving in to begin to feel warm again, she said



Tammy Frakking tests the water before plunging in alongside about 40 swimmers in the annual Penguin Club dip on Monday in Niagara-onthe-Lake. The swim takes place where the Niagara River meets Lake

Lorne Bjorgan - one of four the water)* He laughed as he described the

original Penguin Club members who began the tradition - said the swim saw many rookie dippers this year, likely due in part to

Ontario.

the mild weather He was hopeful it would mean a good recruiting year, with peo-

ple testing the waters and intending to return in 2017. Monday marked the second

swim for Niagara-on-the-Lake resident Kurt Tiessen, who returned alongside first-time participant Stone Enne

Each 'penguin' enters the water three times throughout the course of the event

"The first time is super cold and you get a rush. The second time you get pumped," Tiessen, 24, said. "But by the third time, your body gets numb and you're pushing yourself to slowly back up (into

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mixture of feelings that he works his way through during the short bursts of time in the river. It was the description of that

initial rush that drew Enns to the event, and his initial swim did not disappoint

He called it an "invigorating experience," one that everyone should try at least once.

He plans to return for round two in 2017. The swim annually raises funds for Red Roof Retreat, an organi-

zation that provides respite and recreational programs for children and young adults with special needs. This year's event yielded about mfirth@postmedia.com

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Stephanie Green takes time on Boxing Day to donate blood at the Niagara Worship Centre in Niagara Falls.

Precious gift is in demand "I try to come as often as I

Blood donors roll up their sleeves on Boxing Day

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While some people fought crowds looking for post-holiday deals, Stephanie French spent Boxing Day giving a precious gift to strangers. The 30-year-old Niagara Falls resident was one of a number of

people who rolled up their sleeves Monday to donate blood at a Canadian Blood Services Clinic at Niagara Worship Centre. Green first began donating blood because her mother was a regular donor

"I started donating more frequently in the last few years after I had surgery," she said. Al-Anon

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can because someone was kind enough to take the time to donate to me so it's only fair that I take the time to donate to others." Canadian Blood Services collects close to 17 000 units of blood annually in Niagara.

The organization urged eligible Canadians to donate blood during the holidays and to make a resolution to share more of themselves in the new year. "Please consider donating this

time of year as there are many families out there spending time without a loved one who needs blood," said Tara Gutscher, territory manager at Canadian Blood Services. "It just takes an hour of your time and you are literally being someone's holiday mira-

The Christmas holidays, she said, are one of the "most critical" times of the year for the

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"Because we are closed on Christmas Day we must have multiple clinics on Boxing Day to ensure we can fulfil the needs of local hospitals."

The winter months come with added challenges. As a result of recent poor weather across the country, the agency had to cancel a number of clinics and bas also seen a decline in the number of donors able to attend

A total of 100 000 new donors are needed before the end of March 2017 to maintain the national blood supply and meet the needs of Canadian patients who require blood transfusions.

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Self-professed superfan of the movie A Christmas Story, Kit Jarvis. custodian at the St. Catharines museum, holds the Red Ryder BB gun from the movie. The gun was one of the actual props from the film, which was partially shot in St. Catharines. The museum also has a script, Ralphie's glasses and other items from the film.



Peter Billingsley with his Red Ryder, 200-shot BB gun in the holiday classic A Christmas Story.

Red Ryder BB gun did – and didn't – exist



KARFNA WALTER

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O: Did the Red Ryder BB gun Raiphie wants so badly in A Christmas Story ever really exist? A: The Daisy Red Ryder BB gun

model Ralphie Parker dreams of in the movie A Christmas Story did exist - but not actually at the time Ralphie wanted it. "It's an example of life implementing art. It really is," said Joe

Murfin, vice-president of public relations for Daisy, speaking by phone from Arkansas The 1983 movie — filmed partially in St. Catbarines — features nine-year-old Ralphie in the 1940s who desperately wants 'an official Red Ryder carbine action 200 shot range model air

n'fle with a compass in the stock and this thing that tells time." Murfin said the Daisy Red Ryder BB Gun came out in spring 1940, so it could have been in production in the time period the movie is set.

But up until then, the Red Ryder didn't have a compass or "thing that tells time," otherwise known as a sundial.

A Christmas Story was based on a series of short stories by author and radio host Jean Shepherd. Murfin said Shepherd came to Daisy just prior to 1983 and asked for guns for movies like they used to make in the '40s with the compass in the stock and the sundial. Daisy staff told him the Red

Ryder, still in production today, never had those features. They believed Shepherd had the Red Ryder confused with the Buck lones model, first made in the earl 30s Murfin said the stocks on the two guns are similar, but the Buck Jones had a compass and sundial.

Shepherd was adamant he wanted the gun he'd described in the movie and asked if Daisy could make it for props for the movie.



all the details, even finding leftover compasses from the Buck Jones model in the parts department and adding a copper barrel band on the gun up near the muzzle.

that never existed before, but they did a good job of that" Murfin said Shepherd also suggested to the company that Daisy actually manufacture the gun with the compass and sundial for the public because people would want it that way after they saw the movie.

Daisy agreed and produced the Red Ryder for sale with a compass and simdial in 1983 and 1984 "That's why wben you ask the question was this model in existence, it's like yes and no," Murfin

"The Red Ryder existed. It existed before the time in which the movie was set. It existed when the movie was made. We still make Red Ryders today. But only during the period of '83 and '84 was it made with a compass and sundial, simply because Daisy agreed with Shep herd that there would be demand

for the gun with those features." Murfin gets a lot of questions about the BB gun from A Christmas Story, particularly as chairman of the board of the Daisy Airgun Museum in downtown Rogers, Ark. "A lot of people come in there and they love to talk about that

particular gun and how much they love the movie," Murfin said. "I think they identify with Ralphie as wanting a Red Ryder for Christmas, wanting a Daisy BB Gun, and essentially having to lobby their parents for it. And I think we all

Q: How much less are people paying on average to light up their home with LEDs versus

traditional Christmas lights? A: The savings from switching "It was hard to create something to LED Christmas lights from tra ditional bulbs should give Clark Griswald pause for thought.

Horizon Utilities spokesman John Friesen joyfully did the math for us and found an LED string of lights uses about 80 per cent less electricity

Want the breakdown? A string of 100 LED lights consumes about eight watts of electricity while a string of traditional mini-lights consume 48 watts, he said. As an aside, a string of the older, rarer tear drop bulbs use a whopping 2,500 watts. Friesen said the savings from

the mini-lights to the LED string doesn't seem like a lot at only 40 watts but he asked readers to consider how long they're turned on. If they are outdoor lights running from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. every day, that's 35 hours a week. Ten of those hours would be

during the on-peak rate of electricity while 25 hours would be at the off-peak rate.

For calculation purposes, Friesen blended the rate at \$0.15 cents per kilowatt hour. Over a four-week period, or 140 hours Friesen found an LED string would cost 17 cents while a mini-light string would cost \$1.

Multiply that by 250 - the number of strands of lights Clark Griswald boosts in Christmas Vacation — and you're talking some serious swimming pool money over the years.





Pecan Pie Cheesecake



Recipe By Kraft

Prep Time | Total Time | Servings 16 servings, 1 piece (100g) each

What You Need

- 1-1/4 cups graham crumbs
- . 5 Tbsp. butter, melted, divided • 3 pkg. (250 g each) Philadelphia Brick
- Cream Cheese, softened
- 1-1/4 cups packed brown sugar, divided
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- · 6 eggs, divided
- 1/4 cup dark corn syrup
- 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans

Make It

- Heat oven to 350°E.
- . Mix graham crumbs and 4 Tbsp. butter; press onto bottom of 9-inch springform pan.
 - Beat cream cheese, 3/4 cup sugar and vanilla with mixer until blended Add 3 eggs. 1 at a time, mixing on low speed after each: until just blended. Pour over crust.
- Bake 30 min. Meanwhile, mix remaining sugar and butter until blended. Beat in remaining eggs and corn syrup; stir in nuts. Remove cheesecake from oven: gently spoon nut mixture over cheesecake. Return to oven.
- Bake 40 min, or until nut mixture is set. Cool completely. Refrigerate at least 4 hours.



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GRINCH POPCORN



INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup popcorn kernels
- 2 Tbsp canola oil
 Salt
- 1/4 cup butter (they suggest sweet cream salted)
- 3 ½ cups mini marshmallows (divided)
- Blue food coloring
- Yellow food coloring
- · Red M&M's

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Make the popcom. (They suggest making it the old fashioned way for a
- better taste, but you can also make it in the microwave.)

 2. Salt the popcorn liberally, and make sure you remove all of the unpopped
- Melt the butter in a medium sauce pan. Once it is melted, add 3 cups of the mini marshmallows and stir until they are melted.
- 4. Turn off the heat and add a couple drops of yellow food coloring. Mix until the mixture is brighty sellow, then add in one very small drop of blue food coloring and its This corrollation of food coloring should give you the perfect "Grinch Green" color, (if you are making this for a holiday party, you can add a little bit more blue for a more "Christmas-y Green.")
- 5. Slowly pour the marshmallow mixture over the popcorn. Using a spoon, gently fold it in until the popcorn is mostly covered. The amount of marshmallow mixture you add to the popcorn is up to your own taste. Add it in a little bit at a time until you get the amount of coating you dealer.
- 6. Pour the popcorn onto a cookie sheet covered with foil or a Slipat liner. Drizzle a little bit of the remaining marshmallow mixture over the popcorn, but do not mix it in – you will need the mixture on the top so the candy will have something to stick to.
- 7. Sprinkle the remaining marshmallows and the red M&M's (they represent the Grinch's thry heart that grew three stass) onto the popcorn while it is still warm and sticky, concentrating on the areas where you drizzled the marshmallow mixture.
- 8. Allow the popcorn to cool, then break apart into pieces and serveit (You can store the popcorn for a few days in a Ziplick bag or an airtight container, but it will get a title chewy as the popcorn absorbs the marshmatlow mixture. If you are making this for a party, we suggest making it as close to the time you will serve it as possible, but it will still state good (if you need to make it early).







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Prep Time 30 min.

Total Time 44 min

Servings

24 servings, 2 cookie (36 g) each

Recipe By Kraft

What You Need

- 1 pkg. (250 g) Philadelphia Brick Cream Cheese, softened 1 cup butter, softened 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tsp. maple extract 2-1/2 cups flour 24 Kraft Caramels 4 tsp. half-and-half 1 cup finely chopped pecans

Make It

- Heat oven to 350°E
- Beat cream cheese and butter in large bowl with mixer until blended. Add sugar and extract: mix well. Gradually add flour, mixing well after each addition.
- Microwave caramels and half-and-half in small microwaveable bowl on HIGH 1-1/2 min, or until caramels are completely melted and mixture is well blended, stirring after 1 min. Cool 5 min. Meanwhile, shape dough into 48 (1-inch) balls. Roll in nuts until evenly coated. Place, 2 inches apart, on parchment-covered baking sheets, Indent centres.
- Pour caramel sauce into resealable plastic bag. Cut small piece off one bottom corner of bag: use to squeeze caramel sauce into indentations in dough.
- . Bake 12 to 14 min, or until edges are lightly browned, Cool on baking sheets 5 min. Remove to wire racks; cool completely.

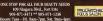




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Healthy holiday dessert option

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Many recipes can be made healthier with same simple substitutions, and that even includes decadent desserts. Take, far example, "Wickedly Deca-

dent Deep Chacalate Truffles" fram "Law Fat far Life," (DK) by Sue Krietzman. This law-fat version of a high-fat classic will taste delicious without being too sinful.

Wickedly Decadent Deep Chacalate Truffles Makes 24

- 6 nunres semisweet charalate
- 6 aunces very law-fat framage frais
- 2 tablespans confectioners' sugar
- 1/2 teaspaan vanilla extract
- 1/2 gunces semisweet chacalate, grated
- 1. Break the chacalate into a bawl over a pan of simmering water. Let it melt, stirring accasionally. 2. In a separate bawl, whisk tagether the framage frais and sugar, Whisk in the vanilla.
- 3. When the chacalate is melted and smooth, remove from the heat and allow to coal slightly. Slawly whisk the chacalate into the framage frais mixture, using a rubber spatula to incorporate every bit of chacalate. Cover with plastic wrap and chill far an haur.
- 4. Line a baking sheet with waxed paper, Scatter the grated chacalate an a plate, Scaap out the chilled chacalate mixture in teaspaanfuls, rall into balls, then rall the balls in the grated chacalate and put an the prepared baking sheet. Caver with plastic wrap and refrigerate until firm.
- 5. Put the truffles in small paper cases. Stare in an airtight cantainer in the refrigerator until ready to use.
- Per truffle: Tatal fat: 2 g; saturated fat: 1 g; unsaturated fat: 1 g; chalesteral: 1 mg; sadium: 3 mg; calaries: 52.



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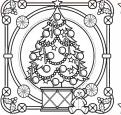
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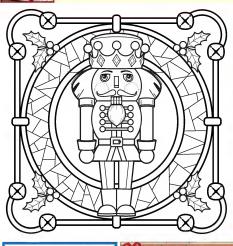
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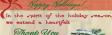
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- . Turn this year's cards into next year's gift tags. Cut out circles, rectangles or any shape you desire. Otherwise, visit the scrapbooking aisle of your favorite craft store and purchase a paper punch to make easy work of cutting those shapes,
- Transform a greeting card into a mini puzzle for a voungster.
- . Glue silly characters from Christmas cards onto a sheet of magnet. Then use these magnets for decorations next year
- . Frame favorite cards so their messages can endure year after year. . Turn a beautiful card into a keepsake. Use a decoupage medium to attach a card to a ceramic or wood backing
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Annie's family would like to give a opere thanks to Heather, Maria, the Fort Erie Fire Department, Paramedics, Police, and Dr. Henry for your support during what was a very difficult day. Your ailt of dignity and respect is so very appreciated. Thank you to family who travelled great distances so that we could all be together. Thank you Darren Flag and the staff of Benner funeral home for making arrangements when that was the last thing on our minds. Thank you to St. Paul's Anglican Church and their dedicated volunteers. Having a service at the church was important to Apple, and it was a comfort to have her wishes so beautifully carried out. A huge thanks to all who extended their thoughts and sympathies, and to those who took time to attend Apple's service To see you all there to pay your respects left us awestruck and humbled. We are truly grateful, and Annie would have been too. And finally, thank you Annie, our Mom, Grandma, end friend. We'll do our very best to keep sharing he love and kindness you gave us.

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D'UVA. Romeo John profound sadness that announces his peaceful passing on December 25, 2016 at the Greater Niagara General Hospital at the age of 52 years. Beloved husband and best friend of 18 years to Christene D'Uva (nee Sieber). Loving father of Chelsey and Joshua (His Sports Buddy), Cherished son to Dalia (late Carmine) and son-in-law of Norma Sieber Dear brother of Nick (Mary), Sandy (Suzanne), and brother-in-law of Mike Sieber (Irena). Adored uncle of Melissa, Nicholas, Carleigh, Jordan, Brandon, Michael, Kyle, Robert and Jennifer. He will be dearly missed by many relatives and ends, especially his friends in the Fort Erie hockey community. The family will receive friends at the ARMSTRONG FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL, 179
Clarence Street, Port Colborne on
Thursday from 2 - 4 & 7 - 9 p.m. Funeral
Service will be held at the Parish of St. James and St. Brendan Anglican Church, 55 Charlotte Street. Port Colborne on

Friday, December 30, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Canon Robert Hurkmans officiating Interment will follow at Fairview Cernetery, Niagara Fells, If so desired, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Liver Foundation. Online condolences available at

HERON, James Parker - With heartfell sadness that we announce the passing of I'm on December 19, 2016 at the are of 84. Predeceased by his wife June (2009) and daughter Hazel (2011). Survived by Jim (Mona) and Craig, and granddaughter Stephanie. At his request cremation has taken place and a private family service has been held. Arrang entrusted to NIAGARA FU FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES, 905-894-0120.

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MACKECHUK, Felecia "Chickie" -

Felecia passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, at Bridgepoint Hospital in Toronto on Tuesday, Dec. 20th 2016. She is survived by her loving children John and Krista (Shawn Knox), both of Toronto Proud Grandma of Braeden and Abigail. Also survived by her sister Millie Fredo of Fort Erie, sister-in-law Stephanie (Dolly) Fredo of Burlington, and her nieces and nephews Stephanie, Tim. John, Mike & Cathy and their families. Predecessed by her husband Gord, brother Tony Fredo, and parents John & Teresa Fredo, Felecia experienced a long and rewarding career, enriching the lives of countless children over her 35 year career at Our Lady of Victory and Saint Philomena elementary schools. After retiring in 1993, she enjoyed a long and happy retirement with her husband Gord. They enjoyed their many vacations down south, sitting on the porch of 7 Findlay in the summer, and especially spending time with their grandkids BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES, 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Tuesday Dec. 27th from 2 - 4 and 7 - 9. Parish Prayers at 3:30. Funeral Mass was elebrated at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

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away peacefully at the age of 89. She is predeceased by her loving husband Bill. Relayed mother of Howard and Royanne Bickell-Talbot. Cherished Nana of Bradley (Lisa), Christopher (Bayley), Devin and Griffin, Great grandmother of Dominic and Hayden. Dear sister of Albert (Carolyn), Kay (Bob) and Vivian (Gordon) and sister in law of Marion. She is predeceased by brothers Roger and Jim. Rita will be missed by Judy, Kevin, many nephews, nieces and friends. Rita served in WWII in a clerical position, she married Bill in 1952, lived in Woodstock, later making their way to Ridgeway in 1989, where they took over a grocery business for over 20 years, prior to retiring. WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES entrusted with arrangements. Cremation has taken place and a colehration of life will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2017 from 11:00 to 3:00 at Crystal Ridge Community Centre. Crystal Beach. Interment to take place in Woodstock in the Spring. In memory of Rita, those who wish may make a memorial donation to the









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